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MANCHESTER WOMAN SENTENCED FOR BANK ROBBERY

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE: United States Attorney Tom Colantuono, Kenneth W. Kaiser, Special Agent in Charge of the Boston Field Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and Manchester Police Chief John Jaskolka, announced that Michelle M. Chipman, age 25, of Manchester, New Hampshire was sentenced today during a hearing before U.S. District Court Judge Paul J. Barbadoro, in connection with the robbery of the Bank of New Hampshire, 2 South Beech Street in Manchester, on May 21, 2004.

Chipman was sentenced to 37 months in prison, placed on probation for three years, and ordered to pay full restitution to the bank. Chipman previously entered a plea of guilty to the charge in November, 2004.

U. S. Attorney Colantuono stated: "New Hampshire is fortunate to have a low rate of violent crime, however, when such offenses do occur, this office will investigate and prosecute any person who commits the offense or benefits from its proceeds and they will be held fully accountable for their actions."

The successful prosecution of this case resulted from the collaborative efforts of the Manchester Police Department, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert J. Veiga.